

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATON:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the prior art sheet-fed press constructed as described above, the drying effect of the first drier 17 is not sufficiently obtained at the second intermediate cylinder 3b which conveys the sheet 4 to the obverse-side printing unit 2 after printing is performed by the reverse-side printing unit 1. Because of this, poor drying such as uneven drying will occur, or the printing surface will be stained or scored.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the paper sending cylinder, [[a]] shutter plates are inserted between the air tank and the suction ducts. A plurality of shutter plates are previously prepared. Each shutter plate has a through hole that is aligned with one of the suction ducts differing from one another. If a suitable shutter plate of the shutter plates is selected and used, a predetermined suction duct of the suction ducts provided so that they differ in phase in the circumferential direction can be selectively communicated with the air tank. In this way, the tail of the sheet can be held by suction through the suction bores formed at suitable positions in accordance with the size of the sheet.